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AT3 Sean Waldon

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Waldon connects cables to an interface device used in testing the radar equipment his shop is responsible for.

Today's Sailor of the Day is AT3 Sean Waldon of AIMD's IM3 Division.

Waldon works in IM3's Shop 7, Radars. He is one of two people in his shop responsible for their Consolidated Automated Support Systems (CASS), machines required to maintain and test aircraft radars.

This equipment is vital for his shop's overall role in the "Gold Eagle's" mission, which is to maintain and repair the complex radar system in the F/A-18 Hornets, F/A-18D Super Hornets, S-3 Vikings and EA-6B Prowlers aboard.

"If the test benches (CASS) aren't up, we can't get any gear out the door," said Waldon. "The radars help the pilots fly. They also help them find their targets. It keeps the birds in the air."

This is a job Waldon has proven capable of repeatedly, said ATC(AW/SW) Jason Cambia, CASS Branch Chief for AIMD.

"Since reporting aboard, AT3 has hit the deck plates running and established himself as the go-to-guy in the Radar Shop," he said.

For Waldon, the job reaches its most appealing level when he is finished with a task.

"When the job is done right, it .feels good," he said. "I feel like I have gotten something done."

Waldon's method for reaching this point with any job is to start with the basics, and work on from there.

"If I don't know how to do it, I find out how and get it done," he said. "I won't do it wrong because I don't want to make the problem worse."

To accompany this working mantra, Waldon believes that the quality of his work comes before any pat on the back..

"Just do the job. Do it correctly and you'll be noticed," he said. "Recognition comes second."

Waldon is one of two in his shop who maintain the CASS. "It's a lot to take on, but it's important," he said.

Waldorf tests a signal generator for a receiver. "This is only a part of what I have to check doing this job," said Waldorf.

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